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# VG Somani takes charge as new DCGI

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**DCGI heads the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation**

VG Somani has been appointed as the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI). He was currently serving as the Joint Drugs Controller of India.

DCGI heads the Indian drug regulatory body, Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), whose functions include ensuring the quality of drugs and cosmetics sold in the country, approval of new drugs and regulating clinical trials.

Dr S Eswara Reddy currently holds the position of DCGI on an ad-hoc basis. The appointment of Somani will end the wait of having full-time DCGI for the last two years.